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Comment on Launch of Young Person's Guarantee

Commenting on the Launch of the Young Person's Guarantee today by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, Fiona Hyslop MSP, which will ensure access to a job, education, training or development programme for every 16-24-year-old, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"We are delighted that the Young Person's Guarantee is being implemented, especially given the deep economic crisis that COVID-19 has created.

"It is vital that all young people have access to the full range of opportunities and support that will enable them to reach their potential, whether that's going to college, university, an apprenticeship programme, training, fair employment and work experience, or participating in a formal volunteering programme.

"The college sector is committed to working even closer with schools, universities, businesses, and key stakeholders to ensure that Scotland's people and economy can successfully emerge from COVID-19 and thrive. We look forward to working with partners to take this important initiative forward."

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Notes to Editors:

The college sector plays a crucial role in helping young people of all abilities and backgrounds to gain sought-after skills and qualifications that lead to careers. College is the first choice for many young people with 37% of school leavers going straight into further education and 35% of all higher education undergraduates choosing to study in colleges.

The Young Person's Guarantee website can be found at www.youngpersonsguarantee.scot

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